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Re: Application of Jean-Michel DAMASSE, Pietro TOLVE,  
 Romeo CAPOTOSTI, Philippe GUILLO  
 SIDE WALL OF A PLANT FOR THE TWIN-ROLL CONTINUOUS  
 CASTING OF METAL STRIP  
**Assignees: USINOR, THYSSENKRUPP NIROSTA GMBH; and**  
**VOEST ALPINE INDUSTRIEANLAGENBAU GMBH & CO**  
 Our Ref: Q85323

Dear Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☐ a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ an English translation of the International Application.
- ☒ two (2) sheet(s) of drawings containing Figs. 1a-1d and 2a-2d.
- ☐ an English translation of Article 19 claim amendments.
- ☐ an English translation of Article 34 amendments (annexes to the IPER).
- ☐ a copy of the executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form.
- ☒ a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing the ISR/IPER references.
- ☐ a copy of each reference cited in the ISR/IPER.
- ☒ a Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ **it is expressly requested that the national stage of processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 371(f)**

**A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney, and a copy of the Assignment will be submitted at a later date with the required fees.**

It is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report, the International Preliminary Examination Report and the certified priority document will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned can easily provide them upon request.



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Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
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Respectfully submitted,

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